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In re Application of

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For: METHODS FOR STERILIZING BIOLOGICAL

MATERIALS CONTAINING NON-AQUEOUS

SOLVENTS

DECISION ON

PETITION UNDER

M.P.E.P. 708.02,II

This is in response to the petition filed, January 15, 2004, requesting that the above-identified application be granted Special Status under Section 708.02, II of the M.P.E.P. and 37 CFR 1.102(d) (fee paid).

The petition has been considered and found to comply with the requirements set forth under the above-noted section. Accordingly, the petition is **GRANTED**.

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